

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Dorothy Mitchell-Kincaid upon her receipt of the East Tennessee Appalachian Hero Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Dorothy Mitchell-Kincaid, who was recently presented with the East Tennessee Appalachian Hero Award at an awards ceremony held on November 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the ceremony was hosted by the Appalachian Community Fund, a publicly supported, nonprofit grant-making organization that provides resources and support to grassroots organizations working to overcome the underlying causes of poverty and injustice in Central Appalachia; and

WHEREAS, known for her willingness to take on any cause to effect social change, Dorothy Mitchell-Kincaid has worked tirelessly to bring about positive change to communities throughout Appalachia and the South. She has helped empower coal mining families, families in West Virginia, and farmers in South Carolina who were at risk of losing their farms; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell-Kincaid participated in Undoing Racism training in New Orleans and subsequently brought sensitivity awareness to churches, schools, and communities surrounding Blount County; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Ms. Mitchell-Kincaid has worked tirelessly in the 9to5 Working Women's Organization to facilitate changes that affect women, and she cofounded the Hall-Oldfield Community Group, an organization that strives to empower children; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of her own health crisis, Ms. Mitchell-Kincaid recently established The Beloved Community Outreach Foundation, an organization that supports Blount County citizens suffering from chronic illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Dorothy Mitchell-Kincaid who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dorothy Mitchell-Kincaid for her many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, her unwavering commitment to others, and her astute leadership; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Dorothy Mitchell-Kincaid upon receiving the East Tennessee Appalachian Hero Award, commend her dedication to serving her community, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.